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# BLAME WALKERS

## Police Makes No Effort to Get at Real Cause of Loop Congestion. Pedestrians to Blame

The Chicago police make no effort whatsoever to get at the real cause of downtown congestion.

Pedestrians are to blame for most of it.

Instead of obeying the crossing policeman's whistle they cross State street and other intersections at all times; crowd into the middle of the street and tie up traffic for blocks.

In Detroit, Cleveland and other large cities pedestrians who cross the streets at the wrong time are arrested and fined.

In Chicago they often stop to gossip with the crossing cop, who regards auto and other drivers as his natural prey and doesn't waste a thought on keeping the crossing clear.

Another thing that needs regulating is the way some pedestrians tie things up on the sidewalks.

All pedestrians should be obliged to keep to the right. Pickpockets and some foreigners keep to the left. So do some careless people who do not smell badly.

By punishing people who deliberately walk on the wrong side of the sidewalk the House of Correction can be made self supporting.

### TABBING LOOP TRAFFIC

The busiest corner in the world, State and Madison streets was tabbed and its traffic record shown graphically in a chart completed by traffic experts in the municipal public service department.

Maj. R. F. Kelker, Jr., and his assistant, Thomas E. Flanagan, made the bus traffic check from 2:30 to 5:45 p. m. Thursday. Some of the conclusions forced by the facts and figures are the following:

At 3:10 p. m. there were seven motor busses on the east side of the street between Madison and Monroe streets. The block is 440 feet long. The combined length of the busses was estimated at 210 feet. This, of course, was in addition to automobiles, street cars, and other street traffic.

In the 195 minutes covered by the check, 109 busses used the street. Of these 79 were busses of the Depot Motor Bus Company. They arrived approximately every three minutes.

The depot busses parked at the curb from three to four minutes each, though, because of the congestion of State street, there are no cab stands allowed on that street.

These busses continued to park on State street from 4 p. m. to 5:45 p. m., though the no-parking period under the city parking ordinance begins at 4 p. m.

Starters for the depot bus line add further snarls to the traffic tangle by informing motorists who attempt to park there before 4 p. m. that "this space is for busses only," causing much confusion.

"Most of the time there were at least four busses on the east side of the street," one of the checkers said. "That deprives vehicles of about one-fourth of the street. When street cars are considered, there is very little space left for the public."

The North Side is going to have five new boulevards. They are badly needed for through motor traffic and will do much to save human life by obliging all traffic to come to a stop before crossing them. Addison street and La Salle avenue, among the new ones, should have been boulevardized long ago. The West Side needs several north and south boulevards. But as most of the West Side aldermen are more interested in other things than the lives of their constituents, nothing, as usual, will be done for the West Side.

Woodrow Wilson was the one great national Democrat since James K. Polk. Compared with Grover Cleveland his record as a president, as a Democrat, and as a man is like the Eiffel Tower compared to a fire plug. Grover Cleveland was elected as a Democrat. He became the tool of political sissies and embraced their

nauseating doctrine of Civil Service reform. Under Cleveland the American electorate lost the power which it had always possessed before of kicking out public employees by its votes at the polls. The result of the Cleveland muck is apparent today. Our government has become a bureaucracy. The heads of departments at Washington are so secure in their life jobs that they can now defy the President himself. That is why there is such a howl over President Harding's action in kicking out a bunch of office holding aristocracy. Of course, the mush mouth Democratic muggwumps criticize him for doing this. We believe that "to the victors belong the spoils." That is the sort of stuff that keeps up the interest of the people in elections. That's what makes votes count.

Samuel Insull will leave next week for a tour of a month or more in Europe. The trip will be entirely for vacation and rest, Mr. Insull said. He will be accompanied by his son, Samuel Insull, Jr. Mr. Insull denied reports that he would take part, while abroad, in closing contracts for some of the opera stars who are to appear in Chicago opera next fall.

No fixed itinerary for the trip has been made out, it was stated at Mr. Insull's office in the Commonwealth Edison building. Passports permitting him to visit a number of European countries will be secured, but the extent to which he makes use of them will depend on his wishes after he crosses the ocean.

### HARRISON IS BACK

Given A Grand Welcome

Home Dinner at the Congress.

Former Mayor Carter H. Harrison was welcomed home from his trip around the world by a thousand friends at a big dinner at the Congress Hotel, Thursday evening. He is in fine health.

Questioned regarding whether he would again run for mayor of Chicago, Mr. Harrison said: "The next mayoralty race in Chicago is the farthest thing in the world from my mind. I do not know whether I shall be a candidate or not, because it has been fourteen months since I left Chicago, and a great many things can happen during such a long period—especially in politics."

### TRACTION PLAN IN HANDS OF ALDERMEN

The new traction plan is now in the hands of the City Council and if it is adopted by the aldermen it will be submitted to the people at the November election.

The plan has been prepared after conferences with the All Chicago Council representing more than 100 business organizations. The draft provides for the acquisition, either by purchase or by condemnation, of the existing surface and elevated lines of the city, and the building of extensions to meet the needs of the people residing in different sections.

The plan makes no provision for the operation of the system. Its financial and legal features follow the Schwartz plan and the property is to be acquired and extended through the issuance of public utility certificates under the authority vested in the city by the municipal ownership act of 1913 and the Mueller act of 1903.

We are opposed to voting on any traction ordinance at the November election when the main ballot is three feet wide and four feet long. It would pay to hold a special election for the people to decide upon such an important matter.

The Pneumatic Jockey Club, which is going to bring back horse racing to Chicago, had a list of its members printed in one of the dailies lately. A few live men were in the bunch. The rest of the list looked as if some one had been copying the names on the headstones in Chicago cemeteries. None of the dispatches from Latoria, where the "club" was last week said

### EAGLETS

The talk of electing members of the school board by popular vote is dangerous bunk. The present school board about which much has been said, plenty written and much more still uncovered is an angelic body compared with what the popular electorate of Chicago would choose at the polls.

The enormous graft hinted at in school board disclosures has inflamed the imaginations and whetted the appetites of numerous grafters who have had no chance to satisfy their appetites at the public trough.

The school boards of the past were largely composed of men who regarded a membership on such a body as a sacred trust. When one recalls Thomas Brennan, D. R. Cameron, John M. Smyth, W. K. Sullivan, James A. Sexton, Daniel Corkery, and the scores of big men like them who served on the school boards of the past a feeling of disgust overcomes every other sensation over the way board membership has retrograded.

On Friday one hundred delegates were sent by the Illinois State Teachers' Association to the National Education Association convention at Boston.

It is too bad to see the management of the public schools given over to the control of men who are unpopular with the people and unmindful of the greatness of their office. If the position of school board member was

# APPLY POLITICS

## Colonel B. A. Eckhart Tells Students That All Good Citizens Should Take An Interest In Government

The Chicago Eagle has time and again decried the attitude of people who, denouncing politicians, forget that as politics is the science of government and as the people are the government in this country, it is their duty to take an active part in politics. The burden belongs on their shoulders. They should not leave it to a few when they themselves are to blame for wrongs that creep in.

Colonel B. A. Eckhart, former state senator and progressive citizen, delivered a fine talk along these lines to the graduate class at the Lewis Institute of which he is Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Colonel Eckhart drew a lesson from the condition of things in Russia, and said that

of the people, the result may be disastrous. We have recently had the necessary 'horrible example' of unstable, ill conceived government—in Russia.

The bolshevik government took from the farmer most of his wheat. It gave to the farmer money that was worthless. The net result was that the farmer quit raising wheat in excess of his family's needs.

"This lack of production of wheat in Russia, the great wheat exporting country, caused the awful famine and the pitiful spectacle of Russia begging for bread."

A school board selected by the judges might meet the demands of decency and good men might then be chosen to fill the responsible requirements.

As it is the Aurora prize ring is more highly respected among all classes of people than the Chicago school board. The Aurora prize ring is believed to be honestly conducted. That is the reason for the difference of opinion as to their respective merits.

### HANSON ON SCHOOL BOILERS

School Trustee Hart Hanson is quoted as speaking of another phase of the recent school board scandal involving purchase of twenty-four boilers from the Fitzgerald Boiler works in 1920 and 1921.

Instead of buying these boilers from the United States Shipping Board at prices ranging from \$2,550 to \$2,750 each, Mr. Hanson charges, the board threw away approximately \$232,000 by buying them from the Fitzgerald concern for \$7,500 each, or \$9,757.25 each completely installed. John Howatt, chief engineer of the board, told Assistant State's Attorney Ernest S. Hodges that his attention was called to the possibility of purchasing the boilers from the Fitzgerald concern by President Edwin S. Davis and Vice President Albert H. Severinghaus.

### VOTE ON NEW CONSTITUTION DECEMBER 12

Illinois voters will ballot Tuesday, Dec. 12, on the new constitution drawn up by the "con con," the convention has decided. The document will be voted on as a whole, despite the advice of many civic organizations to submit it piecemeal and thus avoid the massing of opposition to certain sections of the instrument.

An election for another justice of the state Supreme court will be held in Cook county the same day. If the new constitution is ratified the new Supreme court justice will take his seat in June, 1924. Nominations for this place will be made by the county committees of political parties.

The judicial article of the constitution was left in a tangle by the adoption of an amendment extending the term of Justice Cartwright to 1927. This conflicts with the provisions of the article fixing the number of members of the Supreme court, and further action by the convention will be necessary.

We are sorry to see Mr. Alexander H. Revell absent in Europe while the State Constitutional Convention of which he is a member was wrestling with some momentous problems that needed his keen attention.

Timothy J. Crowe, chief clerk in the County Treasurer's office, and a Democratic candidate for Sanitary Trustee, has sold a fine piece of property on West Washington boulevard, to Joseph E. Bidwill, Sr., the well-known Republican leader, for \$25,500.

Regulation of aircraft by municipal ordinance and the setting up of a bureau with power to inspect planes and certify pilots was advocated by J. J. O'Malley, secretary of the Aviation Club of Illinois, at a meeting with the aviation committee of the city council. Mr. O'Malley said the recent acci-

dent at Ashburne field showed the need for periodic inspection of both planes and pilots.

Establishment of a landing field on the lake front and small emergency fields in the parks and forest preserves was advocated.

A field day will be held at Checkerboard field on July 24, under auspices of the club. It is planned to have the seven congressmen from the Chicago district fly to Washington as a feature of the day's festivities.

### H. L. KAUFMAN HEADS CONGRESS HOTEL COMPANY

John Burke Is Re-elected Managing Director of the Great Hotel.

The new president of Chicago's famous Congress Hotel Company is H. L. Kaufman, the well known New York banker and financier. He succeeds the late S. R. Kaufman in that position.

The other officials are U. L. Kaufman, vice president; G. D. Edwards, secretary-treasurer, who succeeds himself, and the following board of directors: John Irwin and James Irwin, Chicago; E. J. Hudson, Marquette, Mich., and John Burke, who also succeeds himself as managing director of the hotel. Mr. Kaufman, who assumed his official duties as president, declared that he would endeavor to get the best ideas in the hotel world, whether they came from New York or Europe to give to the patrons of the Congress the best in service and entertainment. Music is to be one of the features.

Commanding officers performed the duties of their subordinates when 800 firemen took examinations for lieutenantcies at Wendell Phillips High School Monday.

The milk companies are pretty fair with the public. A denial was issued by the Bowman Milk Company in response to a charge by Russell J. Poole, city cost expert, that a cent increase in the price of milk is being planned.

A "Pneumatic" race track would not last long in Chicago.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday three thousand candidates for positions as teachers and principals took examinations at Hyde Park High School.

The Florida, formerly owned by the Goodrich Transportation company, has been purchased by the Western Transportation Company of Chicago and is the biggest boat sailing from the city on shore trips.

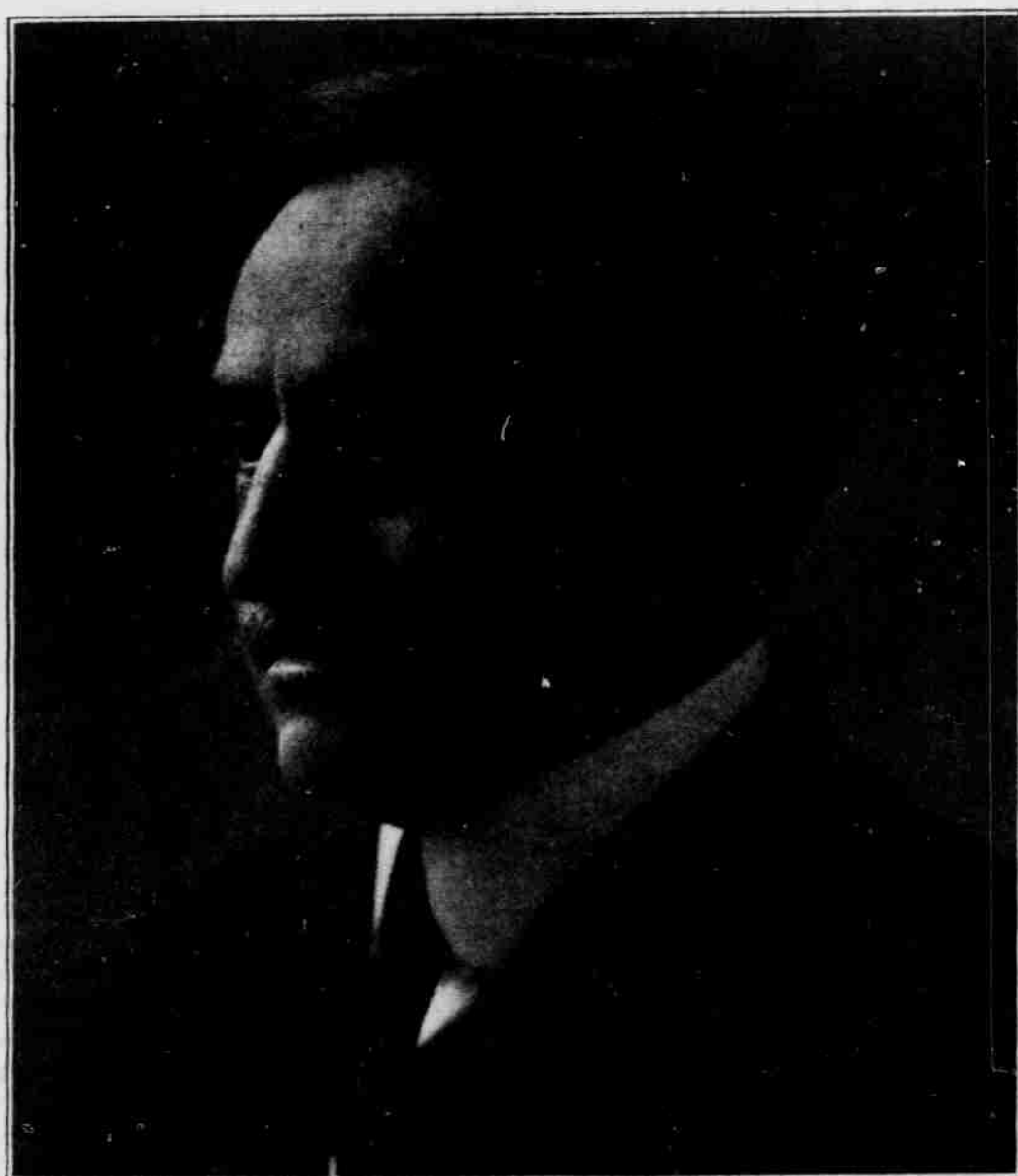
The Florida was rechristened before her first trip, the bottle being broken over the bow of the boat by Mrs. Marvin Haskell, 822 Leland avenue, daughter of H. W. Cochrane, president of the Western Transportation Company. Many public officials took part in the ceremony.

William H. Stocker, popular city sealer, has placed that office on a paying basis. It showed a net profit of \$580 for the past fiscal year—the first time in years the office has shown a financial gain for the city.

Thomas J. Webb, "the Coffee King," would make a good mayor of Chicago in the opinion of his many friends.

William R. Skidmore always played fair as a Democratic leader. That is why he has so many friends.

Congressman A. J. Sabath has made a fine public record. His votes in Congress have always been on the side of the people.



COLONEL B. A. ECKHART. Vice President of the Lewis Institute, Who Advised Graduates It Was Their Duty to Take an Interest in Politics.

ed Civil Service reform to keep Republicans in office when Cleveland headed the payroll and it has stuck to it ever since. The Democratic party used to be a man's party.

Edgar A. Jonas, first assistant state's attorney, has been chosen by Mayor Thompson to succeed Dr. John Dill Robertson as president of the board of directors of the municipal tuberculosis sanitarium, a position which carries with it the spending of \$15,000,000 of tax moneys annually. A better selection could not have been made.

The "law" has some funny agnies. For instance: Charges that an automobile is being used by a constable to decoy travelers into speeding on Telegraph road near Lake Forest are being investigated.

made elective special grand juries would be in session all the time to keep up with the school board work.

It is hard to keep a good school superintendent in Chicago. The cheap school boards heckle them to death. Mrs. Young, Mr. Shoop are dead. Devotion to duty under the strain of bad school board interference killed them. Many are surprised that Mr. Mortenson, the present able incumbent, has held on as long as he has.

Some members of the present school board could not pass an examination for dog catcher if they had to write the answers in plain English. Others, it is alleged, are so busy in keeping in touch with "hooch" and moonshine that they have little time for anything of benefit to the public.

politics as a field of endeavor for the best men and women will prove America's antidote for bolshevism.

Government instability and injustice put a premium on non-production in Russia, he said, so that from the greatest wheat exporting country on the globe it turned into a land of famine.

"It is a conventional habit to be scornful when politics is mentioned," he said. "And yet, there is nothing in the field of American activity which is so powerful a challenge. Politics means the effective administration of government. It means the conduct of a great business enterprise. It means a large contribution to either happiness or misery. It should invite the attention of the best men and women."

"Unless the alert and intelligent citizens of our land take part in the things that are theirs, unless they keep theirs a government 'by, for, and